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WATER HARVESTING WITH RAIN BARRELS

DID YOU KNOW that **RAIN** travels over the tops of roofs, across paved areas, and into **STORM DRAINS**, which lead to **CREEKS & RIVERS**, and eventually to the **OCEAN**, affecting our **BEACHES & BAYS**? Along the way, this **RUNOFF** picks up metals from roofs, and other pollutants from paved areas, and carries them directly to the **OCEAN** untreated, where they can harm our precious **MARINE ECOSYSTEM**.

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BARRELS at HOME

Q: What is a rain barrel?

A: A rain barrel is a water harvesting device that stores roof runoff during a storm.

Q: Why use a rain barrel?

A: Installing barrels can help reduce urban runoff during rainy periods. Water harvesting also conserves water and saves you money by collecting and storing rain to water your lawn or wash your car.

Q: Where can I get one?

A: There are many systems and styles available from various local vendors such as hardware stores and garden shops, making it easy to choose one that works for your home or business.

RAIN BARRELS

collect roof runoff and store it for reuse



VARIOUS CITY INSTALLATIONS



**Gravity
System**



**Pump
System**



**Multiple
Barrels**